



Weather and Water (W&W) Goal Team Newsletter 21 April 2006

Weather and Water Goal Website:

http://www.ppi.noaa.gov/weather_water/ww_index.html

Next W&W Goal Team Meeting

- Monday, May 1st, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm EST, SSMC-2 16246
 - o Call-in # 866-816-7309
 - o Password: 9762263

Action Items & Deadlines

April 21 – Program Charter updates due (if required) to PPI

April 28 – Fleet Service Requirements Data due

May 9 – Transition Teams Formation

May 10 – Climate Goal Inventory due

May 12 – Update CasaNOSA database

June 9 – Transition Project Quad Charts due to PPI

September 30 – Transition plans due to PPI

Other Important Dates/Items/Issues

Notional PPBES Calendar:

March 15 – May 12 – Initial planning begins

April 14 – Guidance #3 released

May 15 – 19 – Hands on CasaNOSA training

May 31 – AGM published

June 2 – Goal Team Guidance released

July 7 – Draft Program Operating Plans complete

July 28 – Complete Program Operating Plans (POP)

August 23 – Submit Portfolio Analysis to DCO

August 30 – Combined NEP/NEC Brief

Notes from April 17th Meeting

- George Smith told the group that comments on the **AGM** were submitted along with the comments from the other goals. Our comments were acknowledged as a meeting with Paul Doremus has been set up to discuss them. PPI has released the **Planning Guidance Memorandum Serial III**. The memorandum provides Guidelines for Goal Team Guidance to programs, Guidance for the Program Operating Plans (POP) and information on CasaNOSA access and training. There is a Serial II action to update the CasaNOSA database by May 12th.
- Rich Latitus reported on **CasaNOSA beta training**. The system is easy to use, but he recommended updating the system often. He said it took him around 4-5

- hours to enter data from scratch, so we can expect it will take a week to enter our data. Steve Fine commented that QA on importing data would be a good idea as some of the data becomes truncated. Rob Mairs will look into this.
- Heather Allen, a Sea Grant Fellow supporting NOAA's International Affairs Council (IAC), gave a presentation on **"Paul Simon's Water for the Poor Act"**. A report on the strategy to provide access to safe water and sanitation to developing countries is due to Congress by June 1st. Comments on the draft strategy prepared by USAID and the Department of State will be solicited from the line offices by the IAC.
 - Jen Rhoades provided a status report on the GAO Review of **U.S. Tsunami Preparedness**. The GAO has issued their Draft Report, and NOAA is currently developing responses to the document and GAO's recommendations. NOAA expects the GAO to release its final report to the public within the next three months. Jen will be able to provide more information on the recommendations once the GAO Report is released to the public. The next requirement for NOAA will be to develop an implementation plan to address the final GAO recommendations.
 - Boulder Meeting Summary – **Outcome statements** have been collected and are being compiled.
 - **Action Tracker Items** – Please be aware of the action tracker items shown above. Quad charts for the programs were compiled and will be available on the W&W web site.

Announcements

- Upcoming Goal Team Meetings
 - o May 1, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm, SSMC-2, Room 16246
 - o May 15, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm, SSMC-2, Room 16246
 - o May 30, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm, SSMC-2, Room 16246

If you have questions about this week's minutes, please contact Steve Schofield at 301-713-3391 x139 or Jenifer Rhoades at 301-713-1975 x173.